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NEAR EAST MEET REACHES CRISIS IN LAND AFFAIR

Curzon Says Turning Point of Conference Has Been Reached in Matter With the Turks.

CHILD JOINS THE ALLIED DELEGATION

American Spokesman Claims Some Guarantee Must Be Given Now.

MALTA.—As a result of unsatisfactory news from Lausanne, it is understood that the ships of the British Mediterranean fleet, which arrived here on December 23 for a three weeks' visit, have received no orders to return to the Near East.

Naval authorities were reticent today but it was believed that Admiral de Robeck, commander in chief of the fleet, was prepared to leave this afternoon with all available vessels.

The Near East conference was faced with a serious crisis today as the sharp and apparently irreconcilable conflict between the English and Turks over the Mosul oil fields reached a decisive stage.

Turning Point Reached

Lord Curzon's statement that "the turning point of the conference has come," and that England would decline to continue the Mosul controversy, was in direct conflict with Ismet Pasha's note asserting that the Turkish people had decided to "employ to the last limit of its forces, all means to obtain the return of Mosul to the motherland."

Between these two extremes, there is a gulf which seems likely to be difficult if not impossible for the conference to bridge.

Great uneasiness is manifest throughout the conference circles because of the crisis, which, with the unsettledness over the Mosul and status of minorities, indicate that the conference is fast approaching a climax and that both sides are preparing for a final showdown.

Guarantee Necessary

Richard Washburn Child, the chief American spokesman, joined with the head of the allied delegations at today's meeting of the consultations commission of the near East conference, declaring that some guarantee must be given by Turkey to replace the capitulations or extra-territorial rights for foreigners which the Kemalists have declared abolished.

If Turkey showed a spirit of collaboration on this question, Ambassador Child said, she would receive just and fair treatment.

25-YEAR CLUB

Men Who Have Been in Ardmore a Quarter of a Century.

MAX WESTHEIMER.

It is a far cry from a poor emigrant boy, landed in a strange country, without a heavy supply of funds, with few friends, and unable to speak the language, to the man of influence whose name is known from coast to coast, yet withal has not served to swell his head or forget the early days when it was not all easy sailing.

That in a nutshell is Max Westheimer, pioneer citizen and merchant of this city, and one of the biggest factors in the oil game in the southwest.

In company with Dave Daube, Max Westheimer arrived in Ardmore when it was nothing but wooden structures, and when it is said that if a person picked up a bucket full of sand, half of it would jump out, it being so filled with fleas (in those days fleas reigned wild in Ardmore, and they contributed their "mites" toward the general affluence of things), and established the Blue Front store which was a landmark in southern Indian Territory.

The business prospered, although there were some lean years; they did an immense volume of business, but much of it was on credit, and when hard crops came they were sometimes on the verge of a mental and financial wreck; but they always managed to "come through," and lived to see the immense mercantile establishment conducted by the firm of Westheimer & Daube recognized as one of the finest business properties in the entire southwest.

Max was always busy. He was the general outside man that had to keep his thumb on the public pulse. He bought cotton on the streets, and sold cattle at the stock pens, and was generally conceded to be the original human dynamo.

When oil began to flow in the western part of the county, Max was early in the game, and he has been one of the most universally successful developers of territory that history records. With all his good fortune and immense wealth, he has never forgotten one of his old friends, and nothing gives him greater pleasure than to host someone who is down and out on his feet and give him another start.

Political Spotlight Is Turned on Wilson as He Reaches Birthday

By HARRY HUNT
NEA Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—His sixty-sixth birthday anniversary—Dec. 28, 1922—finds Woodrow Wilson again in the edge of the spotlight.

Whether the spotlight again will swing to put the former president in the center of its radiance is to many the most engaging question before America today.

There seems little doubt that Wilson today is physically better than since his collapse in 1919.

Though his left side still is partly paralyzed, Wilson now is able to stand without his cane and he even walks a few steps in his garden without its aid. His color is better. He has taken on weight.

Ahead of Affairs

And there are evidences that his stronger physical condition is permitting a more active following of national affairs.

Wilson has been writing letters on public questions—notably on the late elections. Also his Armistice Day speech to admirers gathered at his home revealed he does not yet concede defeat in the cause in which he sacrificed his health, and indicated his expectation that American participation in world affairs would become the dominating issue in 1924.

Wilson unquestionably is the leader of the Democratic party today. His hold on the rank and file of his party has been strengthened by his illness and by the difficulties in which the world has found itself the last two years.

Will Guide 1924 Policies

It seems certain Wilson will lay down the lines on which the Democratic party will attempt its comeback in 1924 and that his influence on the choice of candidates will be most powerful.

"But for his remaining seated," said



Woodrow Wilson

Georges Clemenceau after his recent call on the ex-president, "he was the same Wilson I knew in Paris. Slightly fatter, nothing else. He showed himself thoroughly abreast of affairs."

Of Wilson's famous 14 points—his creed for establishing world peace—Clemenceau said:

"Yes, I mentioned them. And Wilson's face lit up. He was a firm believer in their ultimate triumph."

Wilson Plans a Quiet Occasion For 66th Year

WASHINGTON.—Former President Wilson, planning a quiet observance of the occasion at his 8 street home, was receiving congratulations today on his sixty-sixth birthday. The only scheduled event of the day for the former president was the visit of a delegation from the Woodrow Wilson foundation at 3 o'clock, to extend birthday greetings, and inform him of the progress made by the foundation in raising the \$1,000,000 fund to be used in perpetuating the ideals enunciated by him while president. It was announced at a meeting of the foundation's board of trustees in New York yesterday that \$500,000 of the amount had been contributed with another \$100,000 expected in reports not yet in hand.

WASHINGTON.—Without debate and with a chorus of ayes from democratic senators and silence from most of the republican side, the senate today adopted a resolution offered by Senator Harris, democrat, Georgia, expressing the "pleasure and joy of the senate" upon the recovery toward health of former President Wilson.

ADMIRERS SEND WIRE

"Honorable Woodrow Wilson,

"Washington, D. C.
"Your disciples in Carter county, Oklahoma, tender their deepest feeling of respect and sincerest appreciation that you have been spared to the world.

"We wish you, for this, your sixty-eighth birthday, perfect health and long life, full of activities for the betterment of mankind.

"MORRIS SASS,
"Local Chairman."

No Definite Plan Made for Funeral of Dick Fredrick

Richard Frederick, 306, First avenue southeast, was instantly killed Wednesday afternoon near Dillard, when a heavy transfer truck he was driving became overturned and his head crushed.

Fredrick who was one of the drivers employed by the Wilson transfer company, together with Earl Jones another employee, had been to Dillard with two truck loads of supplies and were returning when the accident occurred.

The body was taken to the undertaking parlors of Harvey brothers and prepared for burial, no definite arrangements have been made for the funeral but it will probably be held tomorrow afternoon undertaker Harvey said.

Deceased was 35 years of age and is survived by his wife and two children. He was well known in the city having been employed by various transfer companies for several years, and had a host of friends who were shocked to learn of his untimely death.

Mrs. Haynie Will Be Missing From Office After Jan.

Members of the Ardmore bar were surprised this morning to learn that Mrs. F. S. Haynie, for the past five years deputy county clerk, had tendered her resignation effective, January 1, and would no longer be at the helm of county records after that date.

Mrs. Haynie is recognized by members of the bar as one of the most efficient clerks who ever has been connected with the office, and her thorough knowledge of every detail of its affairs has been of material assistance to many who have learned to rely explicitly upon her ability to handle any matter entrusted to her by them.

Mrs. Haynie stated this morning that she was going to take a long rest as she feels she has earned one, further than that she could give no information as to her future plans.

Who her successor will be has not been intimated by court clerk Lasley, but every Ardmore attorney is mourning the loss of Mrs. Haynie.

Mollie Fuller Stages Comeback

Blind Actress, Through the Aid of Her Friends, Makes Return to the Stage and Is Well Received.

NEW YORK.—Mollie Fuller came back to the stage last night. The audience in a Brooklyn theater laughed at the lines she had, and listened appreciatively while she sang of Broadway. Not one knew that Mollie came back to the stage totally blind.

Mollie Fuller first became known more than a score of years ago as a member of Henry E. Dixey's company in "Adonis." Later, when her husband as Hallen and Fuller, she played vaudeville houses over the country for 25 years.

ENGLAND TRUSTS U. S. MODIFY HER DEBT REPAYMENT

Some Think Demand Is Excessive and Such as Great Britain Would Not Ask Others.

REDEMPTION PERIOD ESPECIALLY FOUGHT

Chief Hope of Change Based on Influence of American Bankers.

LONDON.—In all newspaper comment on the Baldwin financial mission to the United States, hope is expressed that the terms fixed by the American congress for repayment of the British debt may be modified. They are universally regarded here as excessively onerous and in some quarters are described as "such as Great Britain would not dream of trying to exact from a debtor."

The period of redemption is particularly condemned and Otto H. Kahn's suggestion for a 47-year term is thought far more reasonable than 25 years set by congress.

The chief hope here for modification is based upon American bankers who, it is trusted, may be able to influence congress and American public opinion in effecting easier terms. Some of the newspapers understood that the American funding commission will not be limited by congressional stipulations and expect that discussion will result in an easier deal for Great Britain.

The commentators maintain that any impartial committee of bankers would under all circumstances agree that 25 years is an unreasonably short period.

All express good will toward America, fully recognizing Great Britain's indebtedness and adopting the phrase accredited to Mr. Baldwin: "The last word is with America."

Elks Have Large Growth for Year Just Now Ending

CHICAGO.—Elks numbers 1,453,000, with a total membership of \$12,657, according to the report of the secretary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, made public here, and shows the assets of subordinate lodges to be in excess of \$28,900,000. Last year the local lodges spent more than \$2,000,000 for charity. A net gain of 44,996 members for the year has been recorded, and thirty-four new lodges instituted. Nebraska was the only state to register a decrease in membership. In 1921 the order showed a membership of 320 and in 1921 a membership of 707,661.

Emry Promises to Take Message War Tax Up at Session

A letter has been received by John Emery, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, from John L. Emery, secretary of the State Chamber of Commerce, stating that he will take the matter up with the Oklahoma representatives.

Mr. Emery, at the request of several Ardmore citizens, wrote Mr. Emery in regard to this matter some time ago. There has been some question as to why the tax on such messages has not been repealed as have the other war taxes, and as soon as the matter can be taken to proper authorities it will be settled.

Mrs. MacSwiney Is in Possession Now and Defies Police

NEW YORK.—Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the former lord mayor of Cork, and two other women who said they were acting for the Irish republic, today entered the Irish consulate in Nassau Street and defied the attempts of Lieutenant Gagan of the police bomb squad, and Lindsay Crawford, a free state representative, to eject them.

Majors Again Caught By Smooth Headwork Of Bartlesville's Chief

In Memoriam



Claim Loot Taken From Jewelry Store in His Possession When Arrested in Kansas.

BARTLESVILLE, Okla.—Through the efforts of Chief of Police L. U. Gaston, J. C. Majors, much wanted alleged outlaw, is again in the toils of the law, following his arrest at Elkhart, Kansas, on a tip from Chief Gaston, nationally known detective bureau. Majors was surrounded while visiting his wife, and lost from the Truby jewelry store at Independence, Kansas, said to have been found in his possession at the time of his arrest.

Majors is wanted for breaking jail. Within several months after being held there for trial on cases of bank robbery at Centuria, which netted him about \$2,000 in loot.

A. S. Truby, of the Truby jewelry store at Independence, has positively identified the photograph of Majors as one of the participants in the bold robbery there two weeks ago, when the bandits escaped with approximately \$20,000 worth of jewelry.

Majors is said to be one of the smooth outlaws in the United States as well as one of the most dangerous, and is regarded by officers as a "big fish" to move in getting rid of the notorious adult gang which has been terrorizing a large section of the country with its predations on banks and other high handle money or valuables.

at Sea Cause By Terrible Storms Encountered

PLYMOUTH, England.—Two fatal deaths were attributed to the terrible storm encountered on the Atlantic during the past week were reported by vessels reaching this port today.

William Holmes, traveling with his wife and five children on the German steamer Haindon which arrived from Baltimore, was killed during the voyage when he was thrown to the deck, sustaining a fractured skull. He was buried at sea.

The second mate of the steamer Vascari, bound from Newfoundland to Bremerhaven, was washed overboard and several members of the crew seriously injured while the vessel was laboring in the terrific seas. The vessel put in at this port before proceeding to Bremerhaven.

The French liner Perou, arriving from Central American ports, reached an unusually difficult voyage. The Haindon is here for repairs.

DEPUTY SHERIFF AND MILL HAND IN GUN BATTLE

Both in Hospitals Following Shooting When Officer Answers Call From Jones' Wife.

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—Joseph Jones, 59 a mill worker, and Deputy Sheriff Harry L. Jones of Brook county, W. Va., lay wounded in hospitals today and following a little town just across the Ohio river from here was recovering from the effects of a gun battle between Jones and officials last night during which his house was pelted by hundreds of bullets fired from a machine gun, pistols, rifles, and riot guns.

The shooting started when Deputy Sheriff Jones and other officers went to Joseph Jones home at Follasbee to arrest him on his wife's complaint that while under the influence of liquor, she had been forced at the point of a pistol to sign over her property to him. The deputy sheriff was wounded in the first fighting and when Agent Jones bargained himself in the house, reinforcements with a machine gun and other weapons were brought on. More than a thousand shots were fired by the officials and Follasbee citizens who also participated, and Jones, wounded in the leg, finally ceased firing. His wife witnessed the battle from a neighbor's porch.

JOCK MALONE WANTS CHANCE AT CROWN

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Jock Malone, who is eager for a chance to knock Mickey Walker off his pugilistic throne, does not think very well of Britton's conquest. The new title holder, in the opinion of Malone, is in the class of Johnny Wilson, who is familiarly known as the "cheese champion."

Malone gained a decision over Walker recently in a bout at Boston and says he is ready to repeat the very first time that Walker steps into the ring with him.

"Walker had the luck," says Malone, "there are a half dozen better writers in the country than Walker and I am one of them."

B. Y. P. U. Elected Officers at Meet for Coming Year

On December 15th the semi-annual election of officers for the B. Y. P. U. was held at which time the following were elected to fill the various offices for the period from January 1st, 1923, to June 30, 1923:

President, Billie MacMahon; Vice-president, Miss Norma Lawson; Recording secretary, Miss Geraldine McCharen; Corresponding secretary, Douglas L. L. Treasurer, Miss Alene McCharen; Group Captains: Group No. 1, Curtis McPherson; Group No. 2, Miss Quinley; Group No. 3, Mr. W. R. Coates; Group No. 4, Mrs. L. R. Brady; Group No. 5, Miss Brooks; Group No. 6, Frances Baker; Group No. 7, Miss Bertie Baker. The union for the past year has been wonderfully blessed and has accomplished much in the spiritual development of its members. Various groups have gone out during the past year and put on programs in the country districts, and many worthy causes have been promoted by the union as a whole. Two of its members have volunteered their lives in Christian service for the Kingdom and are now fitting themselves to do efficient service, one being Miss Howard Barrett who is attending law for Colgate at Milton, Texas; the other being Sam Miller who is studying for the ministry at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma. Plans are being made for the coming six months work.

TRANSPORTATION FOR EDITORS IS OBTAINED

Transportation for editors to and from the midwinter meeting of the Oklahoma Press Association in Oklahoma City January 5 and 6 has been offered by three railroads in exchange for advertising, according to Secretary E. H. Brown.

Tickets will be furnished by the Rock Island railway on an advertising exchange basis, while the Ft. Scott and Katy roads will furnish the editors with receipts for paid fares, which will later be refunded in exchange for advertising. It was hoped also to make similar arrangements with the Santa Fe railway.